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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Yang, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/599,152

Filed: June 21, 2000

For: ETHYLENEDICYSTEINE (EC)-DRUG  
CONJUGATES, COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS FOR TISSUE SPECIFIC  
DISEASE IMAGING

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Jones, D.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:664

**I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION  
DATED JUNE 25, 2004; AND III. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 25, 2004. The three month date for response was September 25, 2004.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to December 25, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:664US.

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** start at page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** start at page 13 of this paper.

**Petition for Extension of Time** begins on page 39 of this paper.